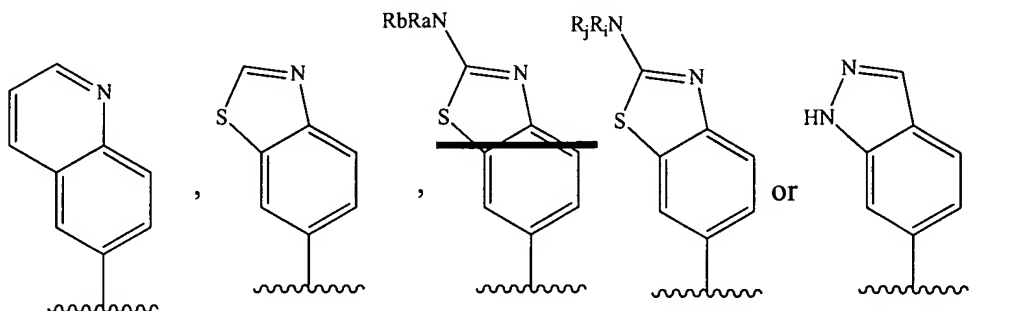


**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferred compounds of Formula I are those wherein

A<sub>1</sub> is



wherein  $\underline{R}_i$ ,  $\underline{R}_a$  and  $\underline{R}_j$ ,  $\underline{R}_b$  are independently -H, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -CO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or -CO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>,  
 -CO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H;